GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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Import and Export of Rice
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has imported rice during the last three years and the current year;
(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the names of the countries from which India is importing rice; and
(c) the rank of India among the world''s rice exporting countries and the names of the countries to which India is exporting rice?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a & b): India has imported negligible quantities of rice during the past three years and the current year. The import in quantity terms were 1439 MT in 2013-14, 1958 MT in 2014-15, 1021 MT in 2015-16 and 248 MT during the current year (April to June 2016). In value terms the imports were USD 1.37 million in 2013-14, USD 1.77 million in 2014-15, USD 0.91 million in 2015-16 and USD 0.23 million in 2016-17 (April to June, 2016). The names of the countries from which India is importing rice are Spain, Thailand, USA, Italy, UAE etc.

(c): As per UNCOMTRADE, India is the largest exporter of rice in the world with export of 11.02 million MT during calendar year 2015, valued at USD 6.38 billion. The country-wise details of India's export of rice (Top 5 countries) are as under:
Quantity in Lakh MT; Value in US $ Million

COUNTRY	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (P)		2016-17 (APR TO JUNE) (P)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
SAUDI ARABIA	9.66	1,195.43	11.49	1,294.19	11.01	919.86	2.57	192.01
UAE	3.73	313.56	5.20	439.93	8.68	589.33	2.23	154.12
IRAN	15.32	1,918.60	10.05	1,167.87	7.14	583.06	3.78	291.48
IRAQ	2.36	283.44	2.76	284.51	4.73	368.16	1.37	88.88
SENEGAL	6.52	195.79	7.66	226.60	8.88	246.18	1.81	49.27
OTHER COUNTRIES	71.31	3,883.23	82.85	4,440.02	64.62	3,100.91	17.55	786.09
Grand Total	108.90	7,790.05	120.01	7,853.12	105.06	5,807.50	29.31	1,561.85

Source: DGCI&S; (P) - Provisional
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